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The best spring tonic is a good boost.
Beautiful weather, sir, for beating
carpets.

Bryan's answer to Taft was candid,
but not candid.

Tithe-paying Mormons are suspicious
that they have been April fooled.

In the springtime the young man's
heart heavily turns to the lawmower.

Once in a very great while we do
hear a rumor that Senator Knox is still
alive.

If food prices continue to soar, ob-
servance of Lent will become com-
pulsory.

The great trouble with political ma-
chines is that they are used as labor-
saving devices.

An excuse is not always a reason;
but you don't even have an excuse for
walking to the left.

Every little helps the poor man.
Private yachts are now selling at a re-
duction of ten per cent.

Mr. Taft's activity is at least
furnishing something for the other can-
didates to view with alarm.

On the other hand, if she has a fiery
temper, you can just go to betting that
the red hair is no peroxide product.

Whether a man should turn the other
cheek largely depends upon the size of
the fellow who smote the first one.

While things are very much up in the
air during a presidential year, Mr.
Wellman is likely to stick to terra firma.

Compared with the National Bank
robbery and the church auditing com-
mittee, the sphinx is a gossip old
habler.

When a man leads his wife to the
altar, she assumes that the leadership
is then and there turned over to her
possession.

Mr. Bryan has formally decided not
to attend that New York banquet. It
is quite impossible to gag an apostle
of free speech.

At any rate, it is no information to
the saints to say that the tithe money
has been spent—what they want to
know is what it has been spent for.

Of course, it is utterly unreasonable
to assume that President Roosevelt can
please everybody; especially under his
determination to first please himself.

Senator Hale's opinion that owner-
ship of the Philippines by the United
States is a "pestilential curse" will
doubtless be shared by one Aguinaldo.

It is very natural that the announce-
ment of Apostle Smoot's candidacy
should go out from the Canadian
refuge of the polygamists, whose cause
he champions.

And it may be very likely that the
detectives are unable to get at the
mastermind of the bank robbery for the
reason that the bank officials refuse to
give them up.

Governor Johnson's announcement
concerning his attitude toward the
Presidential candidacy leads to the im-
pression that the Minnesotan would
prefer to have greatness thrust upon
him than to achieve it.

Proponents of the anti-race suicide
doctrines are said to be considering the

advisability of seeking action in court
to compel women belonging to girl
bachelor societies to marry if asked.
But the reply of the girls is said to
have been, "We will be subject to no
mandamus."

THE COUNTRY WANTS PEACE.

There is throughout the United States
at this time a deep and prevalent sen-
timent against the nomination by either
party of any aggressive, impetuous
agitator in business, finance, banking,
transportation, corporation, in fact, of
any "trust buster" of any sort or de-
gree. It is this feeling which is op-
posing the nomination of William Jen-
nings Bryan by the Democrats, and the
distrust of any legate of the Roose-
velt policies that is giving the opposi-
tion to Taft its opportunity and its
strength.

There can be no doubt that the peo-
ple of the country are tired of the un-
scrupulous political manipulation in Con-
gress and otherwise, that has been so
unsettling on the business interests of
the country. The feeling is very fairly
and concretely stated in a recent com-
munication to the New York Herald by
a consumer, who says that he has had
enough of reform, that he gets the
worst of it at every turn, and wants
to return to the former regime; that he
pays increased prices for everything on
account of the many crusades, and is
longing for the former time when no-
body was agitating about anything or
trying to help the people to better con-
ditions and to free them from the in-
fernal of trusts and combinations. His
letter is as follows:

The consumer has watched the progress
of reform and waited for promised re-
liefs and now concludes that he has been
swatted at every turn of the game. The
consumer has had to pay the reformer's
expenses, salaries, extras and appropri-
ations for new commissions, their em-
ployees and investigations.
The consumer has had to pay constantly
increasing prices for everything he
wants, wears and uses because these re-
forms have merely enabled the reformer
to put the whole cost on him.
The consumer formerly benefited by
every rebate of every form now being
promulgated, fined and suppressed. . . .
The consumer has had enough. . . .
As for us, the consumers, we promise
if you will only restore the good old re-
gime, never to ask for another reform in
this generation. If in future years, our
descendants venture to promote reforms,
may they suffer tenfold all of the horrors
that we, the consumers of today, now ex-
perience in abject self-denial and economy,
written under, like Job, with his sores and
pain.

It is this opposition to political raids
on established business that has caused
Bryan's defeat both times he was a
candidate. It is this that is opposing
his renomination. He was opposed by
the business interests, and it was con-
servatism in financial affairs, and de-
mand for security in investments and in
the stability of stocks and bonds, that
led voters to give their trust to the
Republican party. Here it was felt
was safety and reliance. Even when
Mr. Roosevelt began to show his teeth
towards the business interests of the
country and to snarl at Wall street,
it was felt that no particular harm
was done and no great notice was
taken of his attitude. Later on, how-
ever, there began to be apprehension
and timidity. James J. Hill and others
felt the tremors of approaching upheav-
al, and gave warning to the public
of what was to be expected in case
the agitation continued. President
Roosevelt hid himself in the canebrakes
and swamps of the lower river during
the time when the rumbling became
most ominous. It was hoped that he
would listen to the voice of threatened
danger on his reappearance from his
bear hunt. But the reverse was his
attitude. On coming from the swamps
his voice was fiercer than ever, his
threats more definite and determined,
and the catastrophe was not long de-
layed thereafter. There has been a
surfeit of storm and upheaval. The
country is tired of it all and longs for
peace.

The result is that radical candidates
are at a discount. Bryan is occupying
his old position, with the exception
that he has absolutely deserted silver.
He and Taft are engaged in an acrimo-
nious exchange of compliments, politi-
cal and personal, and the settled busi-
ness interests of the country do not
take kindly to either. Naturally, Taft
would be considered a safe, sane, and
judicious man to nominate for Presi-
dent; but he is tainted in the business
world by the idea studiously insisted
upon by President Roosevelt, that Taft
is simply the successor in the policies
and determination to keep up the war
that President Roosevelt has begun.
Were it not for this idea, so prominent-
ly and constantly insisted upon, Mr.
Taft would have much easier running.

The undertone of all the efforts, sen-
timents, and feelings in both parties
is a determination that the agitation
must cease; that neither shall be per-
mitted to continue the destruction that
the leaders on either hand propose. This
is what gives the chief force there is
to the candidacy of Johnson of Minne-
sota among the Democrats. If the
country were not sick and tired of the
destructive agitation through which it
has passed, and from which it has not
yet recovered, there would be no ques-
tion in the world of the nomination
of Mr. Bryan on the 2nd ballot. Per-
haps he may be nominated anyway,
but there is not the least doubt that
there is deep distrust among the Demo-
crats, both East and South, of his can-
didacy. They fear defeat in case he
is nominated, by reason of his record
in speaking and agitating against estab-
lished business. The same thing operates
against Mr. Taft as legate of Mr.
Roosevelt. And this feeling is what
gives the positive strength to the
candidacy of Mr. Fairbanks, Mr.
Hughes, Mr. Knox, and Speaker Can-
non. And this feeling is what is liable
to cause a combination of the conserva-
tive elements in the Republican party
that may defeat Mr. Taft and a like
combination among conservative

Democrats that may later defeat Mr.
Bryan.

It is certain that while on the sur-
face Mr. Bryan ought to be sure of the
nomination by the Democrats and Mr.
Taft by the Republicans, there is a
strong undertone and tide making
against both in the respective party of
each. And this undertone and tide is
liable, if not likely, to develop such
opposition to radical agitators before
the conventions of the two parties
meet, that the nomination of a radical
man in either party will be out of the
question. Not only is that quite within
the purview of the present political out-
look, but it is quite in line with pre-
cedents of American political history,
and within reasonable possibilities in
each case.

SCHOOL BOARD AND BONDS.

The Board of Education of this city
at its meeting Tuesday evening, took
steps to invite bids for the \$250,000
in bonds that were authorized by vote
of the taxpayers of this city for school
purposes last May. No favorable op-
portunity has presented itself since that
time for the negotiation of these bonds,
but recent bond sales in the East show
a quickening of the bond market that
would indicate a chance now for a
favorable bid.

And then, the necessities of the
schools are pressing. It has been found
obligatory to rent overflow quarters in
several parts of the city in order that
the pupils shall be accommodated. Again,
this is the opening of the building sea-
son, when contracts can be most fa-
vorably let, especially as compared with
last year, when all factors entering into
building construction were higher and
harder to get than this year.

On all accounts, therefore, we
consider the Board is fully justifi-
ed in taking the action it did.
At the same time, we quite agree
with Mr. Cheesman, a member
from the Second ward, that the
bonds should not be sold as low as
ninety cents on the dollar or there-
abouts, which Mr. Thomas, another
member who, at the same time, urged
the call for bids for the bonds, said
was about what might be expected. We
should hope for a better bid than that,
however, for a four per cent bond,
a bond running ten years, sold at ninety
cents on the dollar, means more than
five per cent to the investor during the
life of the bond. If the bond runs
twenty years, then it is better than four
and one-half per cent on the money
paid.

Still, the urgency for the sale of the
bonds is keen. And it is perfectly true
that there is a better market for bonds
in the East now than there has been
for a long time past. The Board is
quite right in determining to feel of
the market and see what can be done
with these bonds. No great loss an-
guish, even if no satisfactory bid is
received, for it is not bound to accept
an unsatisfactory bid. While, if a fairly
reasonable bid is received by reason
of the effort, then the Board can get
along at once with the new construc-
tion so much desired.

THE SOURCE OF IMPURITY.

The State Juvenile Court Associa-
tion held an important session on Tues-
day of this week, at which a number
of papers were read, and the necessity
of a detention home was strongly in-
sisted upon.

Perhaps the most noteworthy, con-
crete statement made at this meeting
was that by Governor Cutler where he
said that of the fourteen girls from Salt
Lake in the State Industrial school in
Ogden, "nine attributed their downfall
to the Salt Palace, three to roller skat-
ing rinks, and but two blamed sal-
oons." This is a substantial agree-
ment with what was printed in The
Tribune on Wednesday morning, March
25th, page 7. A representative of The
Salt Lake Tribune visited the Indus-
trial school at Ogden on Monday, March
23rd, and made personal investigation
as to this matter. Here is the report
as given in this paper at that time:

"The open door to iniquity is the pub-
lic dance hall. No girl, no young woman,
deliberately plunges to destruction. I
know whereof I speak." Thus spoke a
young woman, an inmate of the State In-
dustrial school at Ogden to The Tribune
Monday. "You are in the chapel now;
rather it is the school room," she con-
tinued. "A few moments ago you heard
the matron ask those who are here from
Salt Lake, please rise." Fourteen of us
stood up. There are nineteen girls all
told inmates of this institution here.

"What brought us here? Well, ask
them." In response to the interrogatory
to each of the fourteen, ten answered,
"the dance hall at the Salt Palace." Two
answered, "wine rooms in a saloon." One
answered, "I placed all that a girl can
give into the hands of one in whom I had
the most implicit confidence. He came to
our home. I am here." Another at-
tributed her downfall to the skating rink.

We are not able to account for the
small discrepancies noted in the two
reports, but it is clear that The
Tribune's report was the direct one,
made from exact count, probably at
the same roster that the Governor's
count is based upon. Both reports con-
cur in the proposition that dance halls
and places of promiscuous assemblage
of young men and women together are
the chief causes of the downfall of
young girls.

It appears, therefore, that while the
saloon is reprehensible in this respect,
it by no means approaches the destruc-
tive tendencies and opportunities of
these promiscuous assemblages. It is
remarkable that such a great propor-
tion of the girl inmates of the Indus-
trial school should attribute their ruin
to the frequenting of one special place
that is named. This testimony clearly
points to an imperative duty devolving
upon the City Council of this munici-
pality; and that is to the stricter regu-
lation, or perhaps what would be bet-
ter, the total suppression, of that par-
ticular place so far as the opportuni-
ties afforded by the dance hall are
concerned. The public dance hall evil
has long been a notorious one in Salt
Lake City. It has engaged the atten-
tion of many Councils, and from time

to time there is a public outbreak of
indignation upon the matter caused by
some specific report or case, arising from
reprehensible association there. This re-
port as given by The Tribune and re-
iterated by Governor Cutler may well
be the cause of a special and energetic
protest against the permission from the
Council of the running of such places.
But if they must run, then certainly
there should be extraordinary efforts
made towards supervision in their op-
eration by competent and duly authorized
persons, and the hours should be re-
stricted so that while decorum and prop-
riety are enforced in the ballroom
itself, there should be a reasonable hour
at which the dancing should close.

The need of the detention home seems
evident enough. But certainly it would
be far better not to have any girls, or
boys either, to put into such a home.
But we have the material for the home,
and therefore we should have the home,
under some reasonable statute and
method of regulation which would give
the municipality which furnishes the
money some say in the control and
management of the institution. But,
above all, it is important to have as
few as possible to send to such a home.

And it is evident that there should be
such supervision over the places that
are the recruiting grounds for such a
home as will allow of the least possible
number of recruits being prepared for
such an institution. The matter is up
to the City Council, and we suggest
that regulations more rigid than have
ever been employed before be applied
to the public dance halls and to places
where young people meet together in a
public, promiscuous way, for various
forms of amusement. And the police
should be given strict instructions to
enforce the ordinances governing such
places, and to suppress all public dance
halls and other places of that character
that are not licensed and brought un-
der the drastic regulations that should
be imposed.

THE REPORT AN IMPOSTURE.

It will be well for high officials of
the Mormon church to note the com-
ment that is going the rounds con-
cerning that titling report presented by
the auditing committee to the last
conference. There is much warning sig-
nificance attaching to the grumblings
that are being heard on every hand.
The saints consider that they have
been imposed upon and grossly de-
ceived.

When the nature of that pretended
report is considered, the promise of
Joseph F. Smith, that he would make
a complete accounting before the con-
ference ended, appears in the light of
a malicious and deliberate insult to
Mormon intelligence, and a calculated
act of deception.

It is important to know that, while
the hierarchs studiously seek to pre-
serve the utmost secrecy in order to
protect their malappropriation of
church funds, they employ a most scrup-
tizing system of espionage to se-
cure full payment of the tithes. They
have printed blanks of inquiry, which
are filled out and transmitted to the
officers of the various priesthood or-
ganizations, in which the most minute
information is demanded concerning
the ability of members to pay and reasons
why some of the lax ones are not
made to contribute their full tithe. For
instance, the president of an elders' quorum is furnished with the names
of all elders under his jurisdiction who
do not pay tithes, or who pay but a
part of what the leaders consider to be
due to them. He is requested, or
rather he is commanded, to take his
brethren to task and to demand from
them reasons for their shortcomings in
contribution. This information is
transmitted to headquarters; and if the
supposed culprit persists in his refusal
to pay at all, or continues to pay in
part only, then he is hailed before the
bishop's court and subjected to the ridi-
cle and the curses of his ecclesiastical
inquisitors.

The Tribune has made investigation
and finds that the polygamous law-
breakers set their priestly sleuths upon
the trails of Mormon wage earners to
inform themselves of the amount of
their incomes. Different methods are
pursued to obtain this knowledge. Some-
times they have the courage to ask the
man himself, especially if he be natu-
rally of humble spirit and submissive
disposition. If, however, he be of some-
what independent mold—the kind that
would tell the insolent priests that the
size of his salary was none of their
business—then the wife is sometimes
approached. If she, too, shall refuse
to give up the coveted information, then
the innocent little children are bad-
gered by these bounding emissaries.
Sometimes even this course fails of its
object; and then the employer is ap-
pealed to. And in case of rebuff here,
the fellow employees are ejected into
betrayal of their associate. It is the
most villainously persistent system of
espionage that has existed upon the
earth since the days of the Inquisi-
tion.

Now, if the members of the Mormon
church are to be subjected to such close
prying methods, why, in the name
of justice and common sense, do they
not make emphatic demand that the
hierarchs shall submit to equal scrutiny
concerning their expenditures of con-
tributions? The whole thing is an out-
rageous imposition; and so long as the
Mormon people permit their leaders to
exercise their tyranny in this matter,
they are to be held responsible for the
injustice. They have seen that the
efforts of The Tribune, seconded by the
growing dissatisfaction of Mormons,
has secured for church members a par-
tial and increasing measure of justice.
They should realize that only a firm de-
mand for an open and full accounting
is necessary to secure that to which
Mormons are entitled. It is at the dis-
cretion of Mormons to have or not to
have faithful performance of duty by
their high priests; and they are foolish
indeed if they do not make unquali-
fied demand for it.

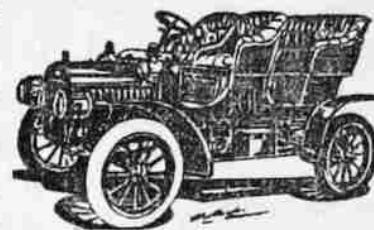
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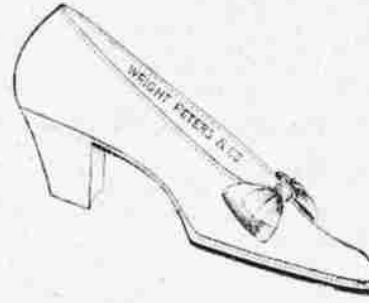
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